(a) whether Government have given approval for the proposed Textile Special Economic Zone at Hassan in Karnataka;

(b) if so, when the approval was given;

(c) whether the work for the proposed textile Special Economic Zone has commenced;

(d) what is the present status; and

(e) what type of assistance Government would provide for the setting up of the above Textile Special Economic Zone at Hassan?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) Approval has been given on 31.8.2005 for setting up of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) for textiles sector at Hassan, Karnataka, to Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) on the basis of a proposal received from them.

(c) and (d): The (KIADB), the developer of the SEZ, has indicated that the land acquisition process in respect of 581 acres of land, for establishment of the SEZ, been completed and finalisation of layout plan is in progress.

(e) The Government of India facilities establishment of Special Economic Zones by providing an appropriate policy environment, including duty import/domestic procurement of goods for the development of the SEZ and income tax exemption for 10 years in a block of 15 years for SEZ developer. However, no financial assistance for development of the SEZ is envisaged under the SEZ scheme.

Textile package

3192. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has drawn any textile package for textile industry and particularly for Southern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time likely to be taken to release the package; and

(d) the benefits likely to be accrued to textile industry?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Schemes being implemented in Assam

†3193. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Centrally sponsored schemes being implemented in the country specially in Assam State;

(b) the amount allocated for developing textiles industry in the State during Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the amount utilized so far under these scheme?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) The Centrally sponsored schemes being implemented include sectoral schemes pertaining to handloom and sericulture, which are in vogue in Assam. A list of Schemes in given in the enclosed Statement (See below).

(b) and (c) During the Tenth Five Year Plan period (2002-03 to 2004-05), a sum of Rs. 31.06 crores was released under various schemes in handloom and Rs. 8.77 crores under sericulture.

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